

Torrance, California  
April 18, 1944

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 18, 1944, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock and McGuire. Absent: Councilman Powell.

Mayor McGuire stated that Councilman Powell would soon be present, and suggested that the meeting recess for ten minutes to allow time for him to arrive.

Councilman Cucci moved that a recess be called for ten minutes to allow Mr. Powell time to arrive for the meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 7:52 P.M. Councilman Powell arrived, and the Mayor called the meeting to order.

Mayor McGuire announced that the purpose of the meeting was to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election held April 11, 1944, and to install the men who have been elected as a result of said Municipal Election.

Clerk Bartlett opened sealed envelopes containing Tally Lists, presenting said lists to the City Council for their inspection, and the Council proceeded to canvass the returns.

Mayor McGuire called attention to the fact that the sheet in front of the Tally List from Precinct No. 11 had not been completed. Clerk Bartlett advised that the official count in Precinct was 110 votes cast and the Tally List showed a total of 110 votes cast, and it was merely an oversight in not bringing the total forward.

Clerk Bartlett then presented and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 1653

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE APRIL 11, 1944.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1653 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett announced that the next order of business would be the seating of the newly elected Councilmen.

Mayor McGuire thanked the members of the Council for the splendid cooperation they had given him during the past four years; and thanked the City employees for their cooperation during his two terms of office and expressed the assurance that they would cooperate with the new Council in every way possible. Upon conclusion Mayor McGuire vacated the chair.

Councilman Babcock assured the Council that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board with them during the past four years; and thanked the citizens of the community who had supported him during the recent campaign; and stated that while it was somewhat of a disappointment to lose out by two votes he was willing to accept the decision of the election, and wished the newly elected Councilmen the greatest possible success.

Councilman Cucci moved that Councilman Hitchcock take the Chair until the newly elected officers have taken their places. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, and Councilman Hitchcock occupied the Chair.

Clerk Bartlett administered the Oath of Office to Mr. George V. Powell, Incumbent, and presented Mr. Powell with a Certificate of Re-election to the office of Councilman.

Clerk Bartlett then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. William H. Tolson and to Mr. Charles Merton Gilbert, and presented to each of them a Certificate of Election to the office of Councilman.

Clerk Bartlett read Section 858 of the Municipal Corporations Act, which states that the Council shall choose one of their members to act as Mayor.

Councilman Cucci extended his congratulations to the newly elected Councilmen and assured them of his full support and cooperation on any and all measures that would tend to benefit the citizens of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci then moved that Councilman Hitchcock be chosen Mayor of the City of Torrance for the coming year.

Councilman Hitchcock expressed his appreciation of the honor extended but declined to accept the nomination; and in turn moved that Councilman Tolson be chosen as Mayor of the City of Torrance. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Hitchcock, Gilbert and Powell; Councilman Tolson not voting. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson called for a rising vote of appreciation and respect for the retiring Councilmen; and expressed his appreciation for the whole-hearted support he had received in the recent campaign, and gave assurance that he would bend every effort to live up to the expectations of the Citizens of the Community during the next four years.

Councilman Gilbert expressed appreciation for the privilege and honor of serving on the Council.

Councilman Powell thanked the citizens of Torrance for their support in this campaign and gave assurance that he would continue to cooperate with the Council to the best of his ability and judgment.

At 8:22 P.M. Councilman Cucci moved that the meeting adjourn. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE